



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/620,498  
Applicant: Yoshio HAGIHARA  
For: IMAGE-SENSING APPARATUS  
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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2004, which provides for a response period ending June 11, 2004 (because September 11, 2004 falls on a Saturday, this Amendment is being filed on Monday, September 13, 2004).

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated March 11, 2004, for three months to September 11, 2004, is being filed concurrently.

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Reply to Office Action of March 11, 2004

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: